

Introduced by Senator Polanco

February 22, 2002

An act to add Section 31402.1, 31402.2, and 31402.3 to the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal access.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1962, as introduced, Polanco. State Coastal Conservation: Coastal access.

Existing law requires the State Coastal Conservancy to implement and administer various coastal protection programs and projects, including a system of public accessways to and along the state's coastline. Existing law authorizes the conservancy to acquire, develop and maintain areas for public access to significant coast resources and generally authorizes the conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organization for the purpose of acquiring land for public accessway purposes along the coast.

This bill would require the conservancy to accept any outstanding offers to dedicate public accessways that have not been accepted by a local government or nonprofit organization within 90 days of their expiration date. This bill would additionally require the conservancy to open at least 3 public accessways each year either directly or by awarding grants to local governments or nonprofit organizations for this purpose. This bill would further require the conservancy to submit a report to the Legislature regarding their progress on public accessway expansion.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31402.1 is added to the Public
2 Resources Code, to read:

3 31402.1. In order to prevent the potential loss of public
4 accessways to and along the state's coastline, the conservancy shall
5 accept any outstanding offer to dedicate a public accessway that
6 has not been accepted by a local government or nonprofit
7 organization within 90 days of its expiration date.

8 SEC. 2. Section 31402.2 is added to the Public Resources
9 Code, to read:

10 31402.2. The conservancy shall open at least three public
11 accessways each year either directly or by awarding grants to local
12 governments or nonprofit organizations.

13 SEC. 3. Section 31402.3 is added to the Public Resources
14 Code, to read:

15 31402.3. On or before January 10 of each year, the
16 conservancy shall submit a report to the Legislature describing its
17 progress on public accessway expansion, including new public
18 accessways, expansion of existing public accessways, and any
19 accepted offers to dedicate public accessways.

